



New Surfers Paradise tower

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Surfers Paradise Cavill Lane a hive of activity as Asian street-food alley work starts

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WORK has started on an \$8 million transformation of a Surfers Paradise laneway into a Shanghai-esque food alley in time for the Commonwealth Games.

Construction is now underway on what will be known as 8 Street, revamping an under-utilised Cavill Lane walkway into a bustling authentic hub for Asian cuisine.

Initial demolition work was started in September with an aim to have it completed by December but it is now expected to be open to the public in January.



📷 Troy Brown who is the managing director of Altran Project Management and on the right is Craig Blackstone who is the senior development manager for the Denwol Group — on site at Surfers Paradise Cavill Lane which will be transformed into Asian restaurant and street food destination 8 Street in time for the Commonwealth Games.

The 2200sq m site — to have a “stately red” gate entrance off bar and restaurant strip Orchid Avenue — is coming alive with 200 subcontractors to bring the project to life.

Burleigh Heads-based Altran Project Management managing director Troy Brown said more than 30 street food vendors were on board along with an open bar for what the Bulletin in August revealed would become a winding laneway with themed zones inspired by Asia.



📷 Troy Brown (left) of Altran Project Management says the Surfers Paradise Asian laneway project “will bring something different and really appealing to the Coast in time for the 2018 Commonwealth Games” while Craig Blackstone for the Denwol Group says it will “regenerate and reactivate this once vibrant part of Surfers Paradise”.

“It is great to be able to work on a major development like this where we are working within site and time constraints to bring something

different and really appealing to the Coast in time for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.”

Denwol Group senior development manager Craig Blackstone said 8 Street would be an open-air dining hub embodying all the vibrant atmosphere of an authentic hawker’s market.

“The concept aims to not only breathe life into the Cavill Lane shopping centre, but also to regenerate and reactivate this once vibrant part of Surfers Paradise.

“The area as a whole is crying out for unique, authentic and exciting destination offerings such as 8 Street that both locals and tourists can explore,” Mr Blackstone said.

Architect firm PMDL has designed the tenancies to have open kitchens where chefs will prepare exotic dishes in view of patrons.

Fellow architects Hames Sharley have been charged with bringing authenticity to the furniture and finish.

Mr Blackstone said the design included cobbled streets, weathered brick cladding, murals, authentic Chinese roof tiles, silk lanterns and ruby toned festoon lights.